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## HE HAS GONE!

Our Devil went for copy for his advertisement and the above is what they told him, whereupon the following conversation ensued:

Our Devil, (who is rather inquisitive): Where did he go?

Head Clerk: To Chicago, Milwaukee and Boston.

O. D. What is he doing in Chicago?

H. C. Buying Dry Goods, Clothing, Cloaks, and Furnishing Goods.

O. D. What is he doing in Milwaukee?

H. C. Buying Trunks, Lager Beer and Pretzels I presume.

O. D. What is he doing in Boston?

H. C. Buying Shoes for Ladies, Men and Children. Don't ask me any more questions but come around next week and you will see

A Full Line



Of New Goods

Now go and don't trouble me any more, as I am busy making room. You can tell your editor to say that I want to surprise my boss and clean out the whole store. He told me to sell at any price and that's just what I am doing.

The above took place at

## "THE FAIR,"

A. LUSTFIELD, Prop'r,

Agent for Tagg Bro's Shirts, The Domestic Sewing Machine, The Best Steamship Lines, The Troy Steam Laundry, The Eagle Rubber Stamp Works, The Minneapolis Building, Loan and Protective Union.

Buttons put on with Patent Fasteners on every pair of shoes sold, free of charge.

## SPREAD EAGLE.

Have you ever visited Spread Eagle? It not you should lose no time in going and if you have been there you should go again. The famous Spread Eagle Chain o' Lakes consist of nine lakes adjoining, the waters of which are deep and cool and are alive with pickerel, bass and perch. FRED. JOHN, the guide, meets all trains at the landing and has a large number of small boats which are rented at reasonable rates. You can leave town at 7 a. m., and return at 8 p. m., giving you a long day at the lakes, or you can pack up a camping out-fit and make a stay there; a finer place for an outing certainly can not be found. Spread Eagle is but twenty miles from Crystal Falls. Visit the place once and you will certainly like it and go again.

## HOLSTEIN & SCHMITT,

PROPRIETORS OF

## THE CITY BAKERY.

Restaurant--Meals at all Hours. Confectionery, Fruits, Tobacco, Cigars, etc., etc.

We purchased the above business of George Desbien and will always carry a full and fresh line of goods. Fresh bread every day. We solicit your patronage and trust that by square dealing we may retain the same.

### CONFIDENTIAL POINTERS.

A FEW SMALL IDEAS, WISE AND OTHERWISE.

Frank Parsons has a Dream that is turned to Good Account--The Freedom of Country Life--A new Jail would not come amiss.

MRS. ROWLEY lost a large pocket-book containing money and a gold watch, last Monday. In making preparations to go camping the lady placed the time piece in the pocket-book, put the wallet in a basket and placed the whole on the rear part of a buckboard driven by Frank Parsons, while she occupied another conveyance. In crossing the Paint river bridge the pocket-book was jostled out, but Frank did not discover the loss until he arrived at Lake Mary, the location of the camp. The loss worried him not a little and during the night, while wrapped in slumber profound, he dreamed that Louise Mehler found the lost treasure. Frank, as a usual thing, does not place much confidence in dreams, but this one was uppermost in his mind all day and the very first thing he did upon reaching town was to find Louise Mehler and question him regarding the discovery. Sure enough, strange as it may seem, Louise produced the identical pocket-book with the watch inside, and his actions at the time of the find were exactly in accordance with Frank's dream.

WHILE engaged in making improvements about the city why do not the authorities do something in the way of providing this town with a decent jail of proper proportions to accommodate the unruly who are unfortunate enough to get into such places. The one now in use, to use the language of one who has been there, is a "holy terror." It is, in the first place, altogether too small to be of any great service. To be sure we have little use for a bastille anyway, but the one now in use is certainly not a credit to the place. In the interior it has a sort of a court of the Gentiles where a very small man can indulge in a little exercise, if he is perfectly sober, by walking in a small circle. The cells, of which there are four, are small and decidedly unwholesome; they need painting and upholstering to make them at all comfortable. Give us a new jail, one we can be proud of.

ONE of the most pleasant things in country life is freedom. I wonder why steps are not taken by some of our enterprising citizens to boom Crystal Falls as a summer resort. We have everything here to make the town what the term implies, but most of all of the good things we possess is the extreme freedom--of horses, cows and hogs, which roam unmolested about the city, spoiling and making our sidewalks impossible, endangering the lives of little children and making things lively under our bedroom windows at a time when we should be dreaming of the beauties and pleasures of country life. Of all music sweet give me a number of cow bells hitched to the festive hohne, then let the milk producing critters congregate under my bed room window and fight flies at the break o' day. I can then arise with a smile on my face that would sour the milk in every one of them.

THE following I find in my bundle of clippings and is a good one: "Times being rather hard, we are going to take our wife to the home of our mother-in-law next week for a short visit, and we will give our readers a little vacation by not issuing any paper. They won't lose much for there is little news going just now, and we print this week an editorial on the tariff which would have appeared next week. The only thing we had to leave out on this account is Bill Jones' ad' about a farm for sale, but that is of no consequence, as he hasn't paid us anything for it yet. Brethren, white paper is too blamed dear to fool it away when our mother-in-law will keep us a week for nothing."

MY FRIEND John Kimball is quite a base ball enthusiast, and plays a good game, too. He and Sumner Hopkins and Lon Parks are anxious for another bout with the Florence business men, and I'll wager dollars against an eight day dog that the Florence fellows will learn some things about base ball they never dreamed of if ever they again play with our business men. In a fair and square, honest game they would stand no show.

I WONDER why some enterprising fellow does not establish a berry station here during the season. The inducements offered are the very best and without doubt there's "millions in it." It's too late this year, but next season let some hustling chap get at it and he'll make money enough in two months to enable him to live like a professional base ball player the remainder of the year.

THE Florence second nine embraces a generous lot of fellows. In a recent challenge to the Crystal Falls second nine the big-hearted champions remarked that they could guarantee a dinner for the visitors. Good. But I would advise our second nine to take a cold dinner along with them, for fear that the Florence boys might conclude at the last moment that they were entirely too generous.

AN EDITOR who can read, write and argue politics and at the same time be religious, funny, scientific and historical as well, write to please everybody, know everything that is going on without asking or being told, always have something to say of everyone else, live on wind and make more money than enemies; for such a man a good opening will be made--in a cemetery.

I NOTICE one of two business firms in the city using stationery printed with a rubber stamp. Such stationery is quite an advertisement for the houses using it. It may not look quite so nice as that printed from metal types, but then it's a heap cheaper and answers every purpose. Exactly.

I DO NOT intend to make a practice of dunning delinquent subscribers through the columns of this paper, but to be real honest about it, I am getting about tired of carrying some names on my list and will soon label a number of them "D. H." and publish the whole lot.

IT WOULD be a commendable move, I opine, for the city fathers to cause high board fences to be built around the sidewalks in town, or on the business streets at least. A move of that kind would prevent the cattle from monopolizing the walks.

A FRIEND of mine, who is a little "mixed" as to his pedigree, says he would like to run for president in order to have it cleared up for him.

### IRON RIVER RIPPLES.

Special to THE DIAMOND DRILL.

IRON RIVER, August 31.--Many of our Republican citizens, it is claimed, will vote the Democratic ticket this year on account of the homestead question. The democrats claim that their party have done all that has been done to restore the lands within the Ontonagon & Brule

river railroad land grant to settlement, entirely ignoring the fact that Secretary Teller even went farther than they have; he went so far as to cancel even the cash entries upon the even sections. I refer to the Weimer-Ross contest wherein Secretary Teller held that Weimer was entitled to a portion of section twenty-six, 43-35, although Ross had previously entered it for cash. It is true Teller afterwards re-opened the question, but this was done so that his successor could have the settlement of the entire question. The Weimer-Ross case was only one out of hundreds of others, many, or nearly all, of which were not in a position to be decided during Teller's term, hence, he did right in re-opening the whole question and leaving the entire question to Secretary Lamar. What did Lamar do? He reversed Teller's first ruling and gave the even sections to the cash-entymen, and has not even restored the cash-entymen on odd numbered sections to homestead entry. How can our democratic friends claim then, that their party has done better for the homesteaders than the Republicans?

A game of base ball is to be played this (Thursday) afternoon at Recreation Park, in this city, between the Stambaugh and Iron River clubs. The Stambaugh's have borrowed Reed and Ryan, the Iron River pitcher and left fielder; Williams, the Florence catcher, and are re-inforced by Cunningham, late of the Jackson, Mich., team, and Jackson, late of the Maroons, of Chicago. Chels. Miller will fill the box for Iron River and Larabee will occupy his old position behind the bat. A good game is anticipated, but betting odds are in favor of the Iron River club.

Spotted Horse, the famous "Big Injin" medicine man of the Iroquois, with his versatile lieutenant, Tom Cleman, has occupied the attention of the public the past week with a combination of free lectures on the merits of "Silver Herb" medicines, songs and jokes. The song and joke part seemed to take best, although many were found to try their cure-all remedies. They occupied some dry goods boxes in front of the Innes house.

The boiler for the water works arrived last Saturday and was put in place this week preparatory to being bricked in. The last car load of water main pipes arrived on Monday and the hydrants arrived on Tuesday, and now we may soon expect to see the works in operation.

The guests of the Sullivan house have been treated to a free ride, this week, from the north-west corner of River and Maple streets to the north-east corner of First and Genesee street, that building having been moved to its new location.

The Harrison and Morton club is increasing in point of members. The latest move is the formation of a volunteer torchlight company, nothing will be left undone to make the campaign interesting.

An effort will be made to secure the construction of a good highway from this city to a point on the Brule river, to accommodate lumbermen and homesteaders in that vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Velandly spent several days this week camping out, at Jumbo.

Charles Remington, who was injured in the Quirt & Lorenz saw mill last week, is getting along finely.

P. N. Minckler is excavating in the rear of his store preparatory to the construction of a large ware-room.

The highway running south from this city is to be put in good repair as far as the township line at once.

N. Gilman & Co., keep their mill going, they are manufacturing lumber, ties, posts, lath and shingles.

C. McDermott has a couple of teams engaged in the woods skidding logs for winter logging.

The raspberry crop was a big one this year, but the season is about gone. Work at the Innes mine, near Jumbo, has been temporarily suspended.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We, the undersigned, desire to return heartfelt thanks to all of those who so kindly came to our assistance in the time of a great bereavement. The many acts of Christian kindness and words of good cheer will never be forgotten by us. Mesdames H. C. Kimball and N. K. Farand are especially thanked for their many deeds of goodness.

MR. and MRS. B. RILEY,  
MRS. BLOSSINGHAM,  
MRS. WM. HARRIS,  
ALFRED RILEY.

### A CARD.

To the voters of Iron County, Michigan: The undersigned takes the liberty to announce himself as a candidate for the office of treasurer of Iron county to be elected at the next general election and promises if nominated and elected to serve the people with his accustomed integrity. My record as a business man and citizen is offered as a recommendation.

A. LUSTFIELD.

### FOR SALE.

Lot 67, in the village of Crystal Falls, Mich., will be sold cheap for cash. For particulars apply at this office or address R. P. Tuten, Iron Mountain, Mich.

### NOTICE.

I, the deputy game warden for Iron county, will prosecute to the fullest extent of the law any and all persons found violating any of the game laws, as relates to the killing of deer, fish, etc.

50 ft. E. MORGAN.

### COPP'S LAND REVIEW.

Secretary's Decisions--Consistency Therein--Intention the Foundation--Entries in Good and Bad Faith--Ignorance Respecting Legal Requirements, Etc.

It would appear to the casual reader of decisions by the Secretary of the Interior in cases of pre-emption and commuted homestead entries, that very little regard to consistency, reason or logic is exercised in their preparation; but to the careful, analytical reader, it is quite evident that the decisions are the result of thorough examination of the smallest details and that every circumstance connected with each particular case is carefully weighed and has a bearing upon the conclusion reached.

In some cases the greatest clemency appears to be shown to persons who have, as would appear from a casual examination of the proof offered, been absent from their claims for periods of great length, and whose improvements are of the most meagre character. In others, where absence from the claims have been of short duration and where improvements to the value of hundreds of dollars have been placed upon the land, the decisions seem very harsh and to go to the limit of the law in the severity of the requirements made.

Take two such cases and examine carefully the proof in each. It will be found that the intention of the entryman, as evidenced by his acts and the circumstances in the cases respectively, is the foundation upon which the secretary's action rests. The intention to use the land for the actual purposes of a home is what constitutes faithful compliance with the spirit of the pre-emption and homestead laws, and the settler who because of poverty, sickness or other misfortune is unable to place valuable improvements or be continuously personally present upon his claim, may--and generally does--have a more earnest desire and honest intention to secure the land for an actual home for himself and family than the man well-to-do in the world who, by reason of his better financial circumstances, good health and other advantages, is able to place valuable buildings upon and cultivate extensive acres of his claim, while he fits back and fourth between some favorite resort and the land covered by his entry, as fancy dictates, having no actual, bona fide residence upon the claim, but still being personally present thereon a greater number of continuous days than his (as the world sees them) less fortunate neighbor. One is struggling in the face of poverty, sickness and distress to acquire a little land which he may call his own, upon which his family may look as a home and cease to be wanderers upon the face of the earth, while the other is endeavoring to secure title to a tract of public land for purposes of speculation that the fatness of his purse may become increased. The former can do but little in the way of improvement, while the latter knows that for every dollar he expends upon improving his claim he will receive three in the near future.

The well-to-do are not the only class who attempt (often successfully) to acquire title to public land by mere compliance with the words of the statute while ignoring the spirit. The poor and needy often go and do likewise; sometimes as private speculations and again as the paid agents of rich men who profit by their unlawful practices. It is this ferreting out of intention and judging accordingly that gives to the secretary's decisions an air of inconsistency, and while it will be impossible to ascertain beyond a doubt in every case the intentions which prompt men's actions, it is fair to presume that the decisions are usually correct, never without reason, and where a reasonable ground for doubt appears respecting the intention of a settler, the settler always receives the benefit thereof.

HENRY N. COPP.

### ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE DIAMOND DRILL is authorized to announce the name of John S. McLean, of Stambaugh, as a candidate for sheriff of Iron county, subject to the decision of the Republican county convention. The fact that Mr. McLean has made an exemplary officer during his term is entitled to consideration.

### HEALTH NOTICE.

Any person leaving any rubbish or filth, dead animals or parts of the carcasses of dead animals, or refuse from any grocery or butcher shop in any place within one mile from this village or one-half mile from any public highway in this township, except the same and every part thereof be buried at least two feet under the ground, or entirely consumed by fire, such person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and be punished to the full extent of the law.

H. C. KIMBALL, health officer. CRYSTAL FALLS, June 7, 1888.

### HARVEST EXCURSIONS.

Will be run by the Chicago & North-Western railway to points in Iowa, Minnesota, Dakota (including the Black Hills), Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado, for which tickets will be sold August 21, September 11 and 25, October 9 and 23, at half the usual rates, one fare for the round trip. These excursions will enable those desirous of locating on free government land or of purchasing cheap railroad lands to look the ground over carefully and judge for themselves of the wonderful fertility of the soil, which is fully demonstrated by the bounteous harvest of the present season. For full information regarding rates, tickets, etc., apply to any agent of the Chicago & North-Western railway. 29-cow-4-7w

COMMING WITH A FULL LINE OF FALL GOODS. MAX BERLOWITZ.